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REMARKS

In the Requirement for Restriction mailed August 1, 2005 (Paper No. 07262005), the Examiner stated that the captioned application includes four distinct inventions: Invention I, claims 1-10, 21 and 22, drawn to a slab system, classified in class 404, subclass 45; Invention II, claims 11-16, drawn to a connector system, classified in class 404, subclass 70; Invention III, claims 17-20, drawn to a connector system, classified in class 404, subclass 47; and Invention IV, claims 23-25, drawn to a method for assembling, classified in class 404, subclass 73.

Applicant hereby elects Invention III directed to the connector system, without traverse. Claims 17-20 read on the elected invention.

With this election, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the present application can receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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